

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An information carrier comprising at least a first area (12) comprising a first recordable material having thermal properties suitable for writing at a first recording speed and a second area (13) comprising a second recordable material having thermal properties suitable for writing at a second recording speed, the second recording speed being greater than the first recording speed.
2. (Original) An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second areas are on a same layer of the information carrier.
3. (Original) An information carrier as claimed in claim 2, said information carrier comprising a central part (10), the first area being nearer to said central part than the second area.
4. (Original) An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, said information carrier comprising at least two information layers (22, 24), a first information layer comprising a first recordable material having thermal properties suitable for writing at a first recording speed and a second information layer comprising a second recordable material having thermal properties suitable for writing at a second recording speed, the second recording speed being greater than the first recording speed.

5. (Original) An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, said information carrier comprising a location area (11) on which information on a location of the first and of the second area is recorded.

6. (Original) An information carrier as claimed in claim 5, said information carrier comprising a speed area on which information on a recording speed of the first and of the second area is recorded.

7. (Currently amended) An optical scanning device for recording information on an information carrier (410) as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6~~, said optical scanning device comprising a first recording mode and a second recording mode, said device comprising means for selecting a recording mode (415), means for reading (35) information recorded on said location area and means for determining a writing location on the basis of said information and said selected recording mode.

8. (Original) A portable device comprising an optical scanning device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said selecting means are adapted for selecting a recording mode on the basis of a power mode of said portable device.